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## California Fig Advisory Board Assessment Rate Set At \$78 Per Ton For The 2014-2015 Marketing Season

## TO ALL CALIFORNIA DRIED FIG PRODUCERS AND HANDLERS:

The California Fig Advisory Board (Board) has recommended, and the Department of Food and Agriculture has approved, a combined assessment rate for the 2014-2015 marketing season to fund activities of the Board. The total assessment rate on dried figs for the 2014-2015 marketing season will be \$78.00 per ton of merchantable dried figs. The assessment rate is unchanged from the previous year.

The assessment applies to all natural condition dried figs acquired by handlers from producers during the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The assessment continues to be divided equally between producers and handlers, thus making each responsible for \$39.00 per ton. Handlers are to remit both the producer and handler portions of the assessment. A handler may in turn deduct the amount of the producer assessment from any amounts owed by such handler to its producers.

Copies of the department's order establishing the rate of assessment are available from the Fig Board or the department upon request.

If you have any questions about this assessment or the collection procedures, please call Karla J. Stockli, CEO of the California Fig Advisory Board, at (559) 243-8600, or call Kathy Diaz-Cretu at the Marketing Branch.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief Marketing Branch

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